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Letter dated 11 March 2002 from the Permanent Representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the final communiqué and resolutions adopted by the Conference of Leaders and Heads of State of the Community of Sahelo-Saharan States at its fourth ordinary session, held in Sirte, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, on 6 and 7 March 2002 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 11 March 2002 from the Permanent Representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

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COMMUNITY OF SAHEL-SAHARAN STATES CEN-SAD

FINAL COMMUNIQUE

OF THE 4th ORDINARY SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF LEADERS AND HEADS OF STATE

Sirte - 06 - 07 March 2002

The 4th Ordinary Session of the Conference of Leaders and Heads of State of the Community of Sahel-Saharan States (CEN-SAD) was held in Sirte on 6 - 7 March, 2002 under the Chairmanship of the Leader of the Great Al-Fateh Revolution, Colonel MUAMMAR KADDAFI.

2. The meeting was attended by the following Heads of State and Government or their duly accredited representatives:

- For the Great Jamahiriya, Colonel MUAMMAR KADDAFI, Leader of the Great Fateh Revolution.
- For the Sudan, H.E. Mr. OMAR HASSAN AHMED AL-BASHIR, President of the Republic.
- For Burkina Faso, H.E. Mr. BLAISE COMPAORE, President of Burkina Faso.
- For Chad, H.E Mr. IDRISS DEBY, Président of the Republic.
- For Mali, H.E. Mr. ALPHA OMAR KONARE, President of the Republic.
- For Niger, H.E. Mr. TANDJA MAMADOU, President of the Republic.
- For the Central African Republic, H.E. Mr. ANGE FELIX PATASSE, President of the Republic.
- For Eritrea, H.E Mr. ISSAYIAS AFEWORKI, Head of State.
- For Nigeria H.E. Mr. OLUSEGUN OBASANJO, President of the Republic
- For Somalia, H.E. Mr ABDI KASSIM SLAD, Head of State.

- For Djibouti, H.E. Mr. ISMAEL OMAR GUELLEH, President of the Republic.
- For Togo, H.E. Mr. GNASSINGBE EYADEMA, President of the Republic.
- For Benin , H. E. Mr. MATHIEU KEREKOU, President of the Republic.
- For Morocco, H.E. Mr. ABDERRAHMANE YOUSSOUFI, Prime Minister and Head of Government.
- For Tunisia, H.E. Mr. MOHAMED EL GHANOUCHI, Prime Minister.
- For Senegal, H.E. Mr. CHEIKH TEJAN GADJO, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Senegalese from abroad.
- For the Gambia. Mr. OUSMAN BADJIE, Minister of Interior.
- For Egypt, H.E. Mrs. FAIZA ABOU NAJA, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.
- For Liberia, H.E. Mr. TSORPORLOR S. BEN Ambassador of Liberia in Tripoli.

3. The Secretary General Mr. MOHAMMED AL-MADANI AL-AZHARI represented the General Secretariat.

4. Mr. JACQUES DIOUF, Director General of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, Mr. AMARA ESSY, Secretary General of the Organization of African Unity, Mr. ABDULWAHID BELKIZIZ, Secretary General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, Mr. ABLASSE OUEDRAOGO, Deputy Director General of World Trade Organization attended the Session.

5. The representatives of the following International Organizations also attended the summit:

- UNO UNESCO, CILSS, OSS, CBLT, ECOWAS, COMESA, UEMOA, ARAB LEAGUE. OIF, CAEC, CEEAC.

6. A complete list of the names of the delegations is on annex.

7. His Excellency Mr. OMAR HASSAN AHMED AL-BASHIR, President of the Republic of the Sudan, the incumbent Chairman of the Conference of Leaders and Heads of State, chaired the opening ceremony.

8. In his address, he rejoiced substantially over the holding in Sirte of this 4th Ordinary Session of the Conference of Leaders and Heads of State, which is an opportunity for him to present the major activities carried out during his terms of office in order to promote peace and security, and create a true synergy between member states in all fields.

9. He thanked the other Heads of State for their cooperation and their availability to turn CEN-SAD into an example of successful integration.

10. President OUMAR HASSAN AHMED AL-BASHIR further paid tribute to the Leader of the Great Al-Fateh Revolution, Colonel MUAMMAR KADDAFI, for his sincere and conspicuous commitment to the promotion of peace and stability through dialogue, in conformity with the mandate he was entrusted with by the 2nd and 3rd Ordinary Sessions of the Conference of Leaders and Heads of State, held respectively in N'Djamena and in Khartoum.

11. After this comprehensive review President EL-BASHIR proposed to the Conference election and installation of the Bureau of the 4th Ordinary Session.

12. The following Bureau was elected by acclamation:

Chairman:	**Great Jamahiriya** **Brother MUAMMAR AL KADDAFI**
Vice Chairman:	**Sudan** **H.E. Mr. OUMAR HASSAN AHMED AL-BASHIR**
Rapporteur:	**Niger** **H.E. Mr. TANDJA MAMADOU**

13. The Chairman of the 4th Ordinary Session of the Conference of Leaders and Heads of State, the Leader of the Great Al-Fateh Revolution, Colonel MUAMMAR KADDAFI thanked his counterparts for the high esteem and trust they put in him. He then gave the floor to the personalities put on the list of speakers.

14. The Secretary General of the Organization of African Unity / African Union Mr. AMARA ESSY, first of all thanked the Libyan authorities and the General Secretariat of CEN-SAD for inviting him to 4th Ordinary Session of the Conference of Leaders and Heads of State.

15. Mr. AMARA ESSY then paid tribute to the clear-sightedness and legendary wisdom of the Leader of the Great Al-Fateh Revolution for his highly appreciable role as Chairman of CEN-SAD and for his tireless dedication to the cause of the Unity of the African People as evidenced by his efforts to ensure the adoption of the Sirte declaration of 9/9/99 and the constituent Act of the African Union. He also underlined the progress achieved by CEN-SAD in the fields of economic integration and peacekeeping.

16. In his speech MR. JACQUES DIOUF, Director General of FAO urged the Member States of CEN-SAD to pool their efforts to combat drought and Desertification and develop the huge potentialities of the CEN-SAD region. He reaffirmed the availability of FAO to continue to provide CEN-SAD with the technical support it requires, with respect to the establishment of a Common Market for Basic Agricultural Products.

17. The Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Conference MR. ABDELWAHID BELKEZIZ, who also addressed the meeting, seized the opportunity to thank the Libyan authorities for their warm hospitality. He expressed the wish to establish and reinforce a partnership relationship between O.I.C and CEN-SAD.

18. The Deputy Director General of WTO MR. ABLASSE OUEDRAGO, stressed the need for the countries of the south, particularly those of CEN-SAD to be organized both

individually and collectively to effectively face the challenges of globalization through the restructuring of their markets and the improvement of the performance of their production factors.

19. The Chairman of the Session invited the Secretary General of CEN-SAD Mr. MOHAMMED AL-MADANI AL-AZHARI to deliver his speech. In his presentation, the Secretary General underscored the fact that the Community of Sahel-Saharan States CEN-SAD has now become the largest African Regional Economic Community both in terms of area and population, thanks to the strong and constant political will of the Leaders and Heads of State.

20. He expressed his satisfaction with the support given to him throughout the year by Brother Colonel MUAMMAR AL KADDAFI and the incumbent Chairman of the Community OMAR HASSAN AL-BESHIR, which enabled him to carry out his program of action for the year 2001 and the Community to gain the dynamism and efficiency recognized by all its partners.

21. He thanked his counterparts from other international Organizations who had kindly responded to his invitation.

22. The Leader of the Great Al-Fateh Revolution, Brother Colonel MUAMMAR AL KADDAFI, Chairman of the 4th Ordinary Session of the Conference of Leaders and Heads of State took the floor to deliver the opening address. He thanked the Heads of States and Government and the representatives of Member States for accepting to travel to Sirte to contribute to the consolidation of CEN-SAD.

23. He pointed out that CEN-SAD constitutes the basis of an African pyramid, whose stability depends on the solidity of the entire edifice. He invited his fellow Heads of State to continue reinforcing their commitment so as to allow the Community to become more efficient and be involved in all the activities for a more effective economic, social and cultural development.

24. The Leader of the Great Al-Fateh Revolution also called on his peers to join the struggle with a view to achieving an Economic Union by opening up further to one another.

25. The President of Burkina Faso H.E. BLAISE COMPAORE who was mandated by the other Heads of State, paid tribute to the Leader of the Great Al-Fateh Revolution and praised his heroic struggle towards the achievement of a genuine African Unity and turning the African Continent into a pole of resistance, dignity and independence.

26. During the opening ceremony, the Conference decided to admit the Republic of Togo and the Republic of Benin as full fledged members of the Community in conformity with the provisions of Article (7) of the Constituent Treaty. Pending a decision by all the Member States, the Conference decided to continue granting Liberia an Observer Status.

27. President GNASSINGBE EYADEMA thanked the Heads of State, and specially the Leader of the Great Al-Fateh Revolution, for the admission of his country as a member of CEN-SAD. He gave the assurance that he will ensure that Togo plays its role by contributing to the building of the desired integration of the region.

28. The President of the Republic of Benin, H.E. MATHIEU KEREKOU in his turn, expressed satisfaction at the admission of Benin as a full fledged Member of CEN-SAD. He observed that his country joined the Community convinced by the nobleness of the intentions and relevance of the goals of CEN-SAD.

29. The 4th Ordinary Session of the Conference of Leaders and Heads of State continued its deliberations by reviewing and adopting the reports submitted to it by the different organs:

30. The Minister of State, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Burkina Faso Mr. YOUSSOUF OUEDRAOGO, incumbent Chairman of the 6th Executive Council presented the report of the session held in Ouagadougou from 20 to 23 August 2001. He highlighted certain recommendations aimed at consolidating the Community

31. Dr ALI ABDULSSALAM TREIKI Secretary of the General Peoples' Committee for African Unity, presented the report of the 7th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council held in Tripoli from 3 - 4 March 2002. The Leaders, Heads of States and Government have been then informed through the report of actions and measures recommended by the Executive Council in order to ensure peace, dialogue, free movement of capital, goods and persons.

32. The conference also took good note of the report of the 3rd meeting of the Ministers in charge of Public Security held in Bamako from 23-24/7/2001 and the report of the 1st meeting of Ministers in charge of Rural Development held in Khartoum from 8-9/10/2001.

33. The Secretary General of the Community informed the Conference of the activities he conducted during the year 2001, under the supervision and directives of President OMAR HASSAN AL-BESHIR. He expressed the wish that the CEN-SAD Member States could soon have an exchange liberalization scheme and could generalize the implementation of the measure relating to exemption from visa in all Member States.

34. The Secretary General also informed the Conference of the Status of Permanent Observer granted to CEN-SAD by the 56th Ordinary Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, a decision which opened wide prospects for cooperation and action.

35. The 4th Ordinary Session of the Conference of Leaders and Heads of State after having reviewed each of the reports congratulated the Executive Council, the Sectoral Ministerial Committee, the Secretary General of CEN-SAD Community and the Chairman of the "Banque Africaine pour le Développement et le Commerce" for the comprehensive nature of their reports and the relevance of the proposals they contained.

36. The Conference decided to adopt these reports and requested the Current Chairman and the Secretary-General of the Community to ensure the implementation of proposals and actions they contained.

37. The Conference also decided to give mandate to the Chairman of the Conference of Leaders and Heads of State to take by order all emergency measures aimed at the realization of the objectives stated in the Convention establishing the Community so that the Community could be at the vanguard of the communities and the Chairman could play an essential role in achieving the goals pursued by CEN-SAD.

38. The Conference reviewed the security, economic, social and cultural situation within the CEN-SAD region.

39. It expressed satisfaction with the general atmosphere of peace, concord and good economic prospects in all the Member States.

Political and Security Situation within the CEN-SAD Space.

40. The Conference of Leaders and Heads of State reviewed the political and security situation within the CEN-SAD Space and greeted the significant progress achieved under the clear-sightedness of the Leader of the Great Al-Fateh Revolution, Colonel MUAMMAR AL KHADDAFI and within the framework of restoration of security and stability specially in the Central African Republic, Somalia, etc...

Situation in Central African Republic

41. After adopting the measures proposed by the mini-summit of Khartoum on Central African Republic, the Conference of Leaders and Heads of State reaffirmed the commitment of the CEN-SAD Community to support the peace process, reconciliation and national reconstruction in Central African Republic. It declared its availability to pool its efforts with those of the UN, the OAU and the CEMAC to that effect.

42. The Conference decide to establish a CEN-SAD Committee to be integrated in the Committee created by the CEMAC, whose mission will be supervising the situation in Central African Republic and to ensure the deployment of observers in charge with surveillance of borders between Chad and Central African Republic in order to ovoid outbursts. The Committee will be also in charge of deploying CEN-SAD military contingent for Central African Republic.

43. The Conference particularly urged the International Community to sustain the program of national reconstruction and decided to that effect to set up within the Framework of CEN-SAD a Special Support Fund.

Situation in Somalia

44. The Conference of Leaders and Heads of State expressed its support to the transitional national government for their efforts to rehabilitate the State of Somalia and reconstruct the country. The Conference called on the International Community as a whole and particularly the United Nations and African Organizations to unite their actions for promoting dialogue in order to ensure national reconciliation and continuous peace in Somalia.

Situation in the Sudan

45. The Leaders and Heads of State paid tribute to President OMAR HASSAN AHMED AL-BESHIR, over his policy of openness and national reconciliation and urged all the Sudanese to opt for dialogue so as to guarantee the national integrity and unity of the Sudan.

46. The Conference requested the Great Jamahiriya and Egypt to pursue their efforts in the framework of the joined Egyptian/Libyan initiative accepted by all the parties and recommended merging this initiative with that of IGAD and creating appropriate mechanisms for implementing the Peace Plan.

African Union

47. The Leaders and Heads of State expressed their satisfaction with the entry into force of the Constituent Act of the African Union which represents a decisive step towards the effective integration of all the countries of the continent. They agreed to pool their efforts so as to enable that appropriate structural, organizational, administrative and legal steps be taken as soon as possible by the different bodies of OAU.

Lockerbie Case

48. The Leaders and Heads of State expressed their concern over the continuous detention of the Libyan citizen ABDEL BASSET EL-MEGRAHI. They expressed satisfaction at the adoption by the 5th Special Session of the Conference of Heads of State and Government of OAU held in Sirte on 1-2/3/2001 and at the Decision EAHC/dec. 3(v) demanding the release of ABDEL BASSET EL-MAGREHI as well as the abrogation of all compelling resolutions of the Security Council.

49. The Conference requested the CEN-SAD Ad Hoc Committee chaired by Nigeria to continue and follow up this issue.

The Ethiopian / Eritrea Conflict

50. The 4th Ordinary Session of the Conference of Leaders and Heads of Heads of State expressed its satisfaction over the positive developments relating to the conflict between Eritrea and Ethiopia and paid tribute to President ISSAYAS AFEWORKI for his commendable position in observing the peace agreement of 18/6/2000.

Promotion of Peace and Dialogue in Chad.

51. The Leaders and Heads of State congratulated the President of Chad H.E. Mr. IDRISS DEBY following the signing on 7/1/2002 in Tripoli of the Peace Agreement between the Representatives of the Chadian government and those of the Movement for Democracy and Justice in Chad (MDJT). They also congratulated the Leader of the Libyan Revolution for his

fruitful mediation and called on all the other groups to accept the offer of dialogue made by the Chadian government.

International Situation.

52. The 4th Ordinary Session of the Conference of Leaders and Heads of Heads of State expressed its deep concern over the deterioration of the situation in the occupied Palestine as a consequence of the suppression, assassination, aggression policy and state-terrorism pursued by the Zionists.

53. The Conference made a vibrant appeal to the International Community to mobilize itself according to the relevant resolutions of the UN for the promotion of peace in the region. It also addressed a message of sympathy and support to President YASSER ARAFAT, Chairman of the Palestinian Authority.

54. The conference also mentioned the situation in Zimbabwe and denounced the destabilization actions carried out against the democratically elected government of the country.

55. With respect to the situation in Madagascar, the Conference called on all parties to favour dialogue with providing for the Constitution and laws. The Conference call upon International Community, and particularly the OAU to pursue their efforts in order to preserve unity and integrity of this brother country.

Economic Issues

56. The Conference of Leaders and Heads of State reaffirmed its availability to support all the actions of the other bodies of the Community in order to actually established Economic Unity through free movement of persons and goods and succeed as soon as possible, in turning the CEN-SAD Space into a free trade area.

57. The Leaders and Heads of State requested particularly that consultations and studies be conducted, with the support of FAO, by the bodies of the Community with a view to totally

liberalizing the movement of basic agricultural products between the CEN-SAD Member States.

58. The 4th Ordinary Session paid tribute to the Director General of FAO Mr. JACQUES DIOUF for supporting the CEN-SAD dynamics.

59. After reaffirming its support to FAO in the framework of the organization of World Food Summit "Five Years After", scheduled to be held in Rome in June 2002, the Conference renewed the mandate of President OMAR HASSAN AHMED EL-BESHIR for him to represent the Community at this important event, which requires the support of the whole international community.

Installation of the Special Solidarity Fund FSS/CEN-SAD.

60. The 4th Ordinary Session of the Conference of Leaders and Heads of Heads of State took note of the signing by the Chairman of the 3rd Ordinary Session of the Statutes of the Special Solidarity Fund.

61. It recommended that this Fund be enabled to quickly provide the appropriate humanitarian emergency aid whenever necessary

Installation of the Economic, Social and Cultural Council of CEN-SAD.

62. The Conference of Leaders and Heads of State took good note of the reduction of the number of representatives to the Council per country (from ten to five), proposed by the 7th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council; it called on all Member States to forward the list of their five representatives, and on the General Secretariat of CEN-SAD to cooperate with Malian authorities in organizing the effective installation of the statutory organ during the year 2002.

Administrative and Financial Situation of CEN-SAD.

- **Budgetary allocation**

63. The 4th Ordinary Session of Leaders and Heads of State took note of the report on this issue submitted by the Secretary General and decided the budgetary allocation of year 2002 as well as the scale of contribution adopted by the 7th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council.

- **Administrative Measures**

64. The conference decided to renew the mandate of Mr. MOHAMMED AL-MADANI AL-AZHARI as Secretary General of the Community for another term. The Conference also decided to renew the mandate of Mr. ALI GADDAYE as Assistant Secretary General for another term.

65 The 4th Ordinary Session of the Conference of Leaders and Heads of State accepted the invitation by the President of the Republic of Niger H.E. Mr. TANDJA MAMADOU to hold in Niamey the 5th Ordinary Session of the Conference.

Done at Sirte, on 7th March 2002

RESOLUTION
CONCERNING THE AFRICAN UNION

The 4th Ordinary Session of the Conference of Leaders and Heads of State of CEN-SAD Community, held in Sirte, Great Jamahiriya, on 6 – 7 March 2002 :

- Recalls its decisions and the relevant decisions of the Executive Council reiterates its conviction that the era of globalisation and blocs does not leave any alternative but to come together and to be unified through the foundation of spaces.

- Aware of the Community's impetus and strength for the Union, as it is the base for the African Union pyramid.

- Reaffirms the commitment of the Member States of the Community to realise the African Union and to support its institutions in its insistence on the emergence of these institutions on the set time.

- Approves on the Committee proposed by the Executive Council during its 6th Session, held in Ouagadougou and requests it to commence its work immediately: it also requests the Committee of Coordination and follow up to assume the mandate given to it.

RESOLUTION
CONCERNING THE NEW PARTNERSHIP
ON AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT

The 4th Ordinary Session of the Conference of Leaders and Heads of State of CEN-SAD Community, held in Sirte, Great Jamahiriya, on 6 – 7 March 2002 :

Aware that partnership and cooperation among the nations have become an indispensable means to achieve sustainable development,

Convinced that the new partnership on African Development (NEPAD) document is a right initiative which has come at the right time,

Encourages and promotes this new partnership on African Development, stresses the importance of keeping this partnership completely possessed by Africa in which African People contribute so as to realise their desired gains.

The Session draws attention to:

- The attempts of some foreign parties to take advantage of this initiative to obtain private benefits that do not serve the interests of Africa.

- Calls that this new partnership is to be an economic program for the African Union to ensure its successful implementation.

RESOLUTION
CONCERNING THE MOVEMENT OF PERSONS AND GOODS AMONG AFRICAN COUNTRIES

The 4th Ordinary Session of the Conference of Leaders and Heads of State of CEN-SAD Community, held in Sirte, Great Jamahiriya, on 6 – 7 March 2002 :

Considering Article 1 of the Constituent Treaty of the Community which provided for the removal of all obstacles preventing the Unity of the Member States by taking necessary measures to facilitate the movement of persons, capital, interests of the nationals of the Member States and the freedom of residence, work, ownership, protection of the economic activities and freedom of transportation of goods and commodities.

Considering the relevant decisions issued by the Community's Organs and in accordance with the historic call by the Leader MUAMMAR AL KADDAFI concerning the freedom of movement of citizens within the Continent.

In order to guarantee the establishment of the African Union on the best bases that secure the integration among African Peoples and States in the realisation of African Unity, economic emancipation and sustainable development.

The Council calls on OAU to work through all its institutions and mechanisms to emphasise and activate the movement of persons and goods among African States and to tackle and remove all preventing obstacles.

RESOLUTION
REGARDING THE SUPPORT OF THE STEADFASTNESS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

The 4th Ordinary Session of the Conference of Leaders and Heads of State of CEN-SAD Community, held in Sirte, Great Jamahiriya, on 6 – 7 March 2002 :

While following with deep concern the sustained suffering experienced by the Palestinian People and the oppression, suppression, intimidation and torture they are being subjected to and affirming their stances and their right of self-determination on their territories.

- Pays tribute of the steadfastness of the Palestinian People in defence of its legitimate rights.

- Condemns state-terrorism daily perpetrated by Israel against unarmed Palestinian People.

- Requests the International Community to act immediately to exert necessary pressure on the occupation authorities to stop the killing, genocide to which the Palestinian People is being subjected to, and to put an end to the siege imposed on the President of the Palestinian Authority YASSER ARAFAT.

RESOLUTION
CONCERNING THE MEDIA CAMPAIGN DIRECTED AGAINST ZIMBABWE

The 4th Ordinary Session of the Conference of Leaders and Heads of State, held in Sirte, Great Jamahiriya 6 – 7 March 2002 :

While it is deeply concerned about the current blind campaign on the Republic of Zimbabwe and while it asserts that what is happening in Zimbabwe is an internal affair and that interfering in it violates international laws and norms.

- Declares the solidarity of CEN-SAD Community with the Republic of Zimbabwe and full support for its legitimate Government.

- Condemns external attempts targeting its freedom and sovereignty, it also condemns all suspicious manipulations aiming at interfering in its internal affairs on the pretext of monitoring the elections so as to undermine its independence
- Salutes the courageous attitude of the African countries participating in the Common Wealth Summit held in Australia, these countries reject the pressures and blackmail exercised by the colonialist countries.

- Request OAU and its Member States to strongly support Zimbabwe and to confront the mad campaigns against it pursuant to the principle of African solidarity.

RESOLUTION
CONCERNING THE SITUATION IN MADAGASCAR

The 4th Ordinary Session of the Conference of Leaders and Heads of State of CEN-SAD Community, follows with deep concern the developments of the situation in Madagascar.

- Appeals to the General Secretary of OAU to speedily intervene to prevent the aggravation of the situation in this brotherly country.

- Calls on all parties to resort to law and the constitution, to denounce forms of violence and to apply reason through negotiations and dialogue.

- Supports the endeavours of Brother Colonel MUAMMER AL KADDAFI Guide of the Great Al Fateh Revolution, Sponsor of peace keeping operations to maintain security and stability in Madagascar, and to reject all forms of foreign interference in the affairs of this brotherly African Country.

MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION
TO BROTHER COLONEL MUAMMER AL KADDAFI
GUIDE OF THE GREAT AL FATEH REVOLUTION

The 4th Ordinary Session of the Conference of Leaders and Heads of State of CEN-SAD Community, held in Sirte, Great Jamahiriya, on 6 – 7 March 2002 :

While extending thanks and gratitude to Brother Colonel MUAMMER AL KADDAFI, Guide of the Great Al Fateh Revolution for hosting the proceedings of this Session and for the hospitality and warm reception accorded to the participating delegations ;

- It highly appreciates the attention and care of the Leader to consolidate the pillars of our young Community and to maintain ties of fraternity and cooperation among the Member States.

- It expresses its satisfaction with the creative role played by the Leader for the support of the causes of Africa and to make its voice heard among the nations.

- It is fully certain that Brother Leader will spare no effort to promote this promising ascending entity. And throughout his term, the Community shall achieves successes of huge gains for our peoples. Africa shall take its rightful place which is suitable to it and to its faithful sons for creating and effective and important space in the word.

- It assures the Leader that he can rely on the readiness of all Member States to stand by his side in his persevering efforts towards the reinforcement of this space which constitutes the base for the pyramid of the Great African Union.

A MESSAGE OF THANKS AND CONSIDERATION

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE 3rd ORDINARY SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF LEADERS AND HEADS OF STATE

The 4th Ordinary Session of the Conference of Leaders and Heads of State of CEN-SAD Community, held in Sirte, Great Jamahiriya, on 6 – 7 March 2002 :

- Expressed its high and great thanks and consideration for what has been performed by His Excellency President OUMAR HASSAN AHMED AL-BASHIR, President of the Republic of Sudan, who is the Chairman of the Council of the Conference of Leaders and Heads of State of CEN-SAD Community, due to his services to the Community in heading it towards courageous phase characterised with a sharp vision.

- His Excellency therefore deserves all the necessary congratulation for the efforts exerted during his mandate which was marked with high talented efforts to consolidate the pillars of our young Community, thus it undertakes its activities on all levels and in all fields.

- It hails the spirit of commitment, giving and generosity which characterised his mandate.

- We therefore affirm that the Community shall remain devoted to his ideas, guided by his extensive knowledge and experience.